

Memorandum

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THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Date December 15, 2004  
To The First Presidency  
From The Public Affairs Committee and the Office of General Counsel  
Subject GOVERNMENT RELATIONS — EUROPEAN UNION

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The purpose of this memorandum is to propose that the Church take steps to monitor more closely policies and legislation being developed in the European Union. As set forth below, our proposal involves the use of Church service volunteers. We anticipate that the cost to the Church of this proposal would be minimal.

As the European Union headquarters, Brussels is the center of legal and policy developments for much of Europe. Additionally, so-called "Third World" countries are also turning increasingly to the EU as a model for legal and political direction, rather than to the United States. Hence, it is most important that the Church monitor and (where possible) attempt to positively influence the direction of law and policy emanating from the EU as it may relate to the Church, its doctrine and activities.

Accordingly, we make two related proposals. First, we propose to establish an OGC—Brussels office to be staffed by a Church-Service volunteer— a lawyer—experienced in law, public policy and government, as well as in significant priesthood service, to monitor developments within the EU. Additionally, we propose the establishment of a European Government Relations Council to be comprised of members from key European countries with extensive government relations experience to advise concerning legislative and policy developments of interest to the Church. This council would be patterned after the Washington Public Affairs Advisory Council, presently chaired by Elder Ralph Hardy. The OGC—Brussels office and the European Government Relations Council would serve under the overall supervision of the Office of General Counsel and the Church Public Affairs Committee, respectively, and they would also work closely with European Area Presidencies. They would work closely together in suggesting actions that the Church might consider (including as a member of coalitions) to influence policy. They would also help the Church to keep abreast of matters of interest within the EU community relating to Church operations.

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek concept approval. If approval is granted, we would then propose individual members who might be called to serve in these capacities. Please advise.

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## William Atkin - EU proposal

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**From:** Lance B. Wickman  
**To:** William Atkin  
**Date:** 1/13/2005 1:49 PM  
**Subject:** EU proposal

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Bill,

Elder Nelson called to advise that this morning the First Presidency and the Twelve gave concept approval to the EU proposal (provided, I think, that we are talking about using Europeans). Hence, the next step is to bring forward the names of persons who might (a) fill the Brussels OGC slot; and (b) belong to the advisory committee. Would you work w/ PAD in developing some recommendations? Many thanks.

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Date May 16, 2006  
To The First Presidency  
From Elder Lance B. Wickman *LBW*  
Subject LEGAL SERVICES — BRUSSELS OFFICE

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Last year, the First Presidency approved the establishment of a government affairs office in Brussels, Belgium, by the Office of General Counsel and the Public Affairs Department. The office will be staffed by a Church-service volunteer couple. One of the purposes of this office is the monitoring of European community legal developments, which could impact the Church and its members in Europe and the establishment of a bridge-building program with key European government officials. After extensive review of possible volunteer couples, we recommend Brother and Sister Owen James (Joan) Stevens as Church-service volunteers to staff the Brussels office. This recommendation has been approved by Public Affairs and Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf.

Brother and Sister Stevens are uniquely qualified, both professionally and ecclesiastically, to assist with the opening of the Brussels office. In addition to Brother Stevens' service as mission president in the Switzerland Geneva Mission (1976-79), the Stevenses have served missions at the Jerusalem Center; in the Geneva, Switzerland, Public Affairs office; at the missionary training center in Ghana; and in Quebec doing leadership training. Brother Stevens served as a Regional Representative in France, Spain and Portugal (1980-85).

Professionally, Brother Stevens, who has both an MBA from Harvard and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington, worked in Europe for almost ten years. Both Brother and Sister Stevens speak French fluently and have conversational skills in German and other European languages.

Brother and Sister Stevens have confirmed that they would willingly accept such a call if tendered. They would serve for eighteen months.

Please advise.

Memorandum

Date May 18, 2006  
To Elder Lance B. Wickman, General Counsel  
From F. Michael Watson  
Subject Legal Services—Brussels Offices

THE CHURCH OF  
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OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL  
MAY 23 2006

Dear Elder Wickman:

This memorandum is to advise you that in the meeting of the First Presidency on May 17, 2006, approved was a recommendation from the Office of General Counsel that Brother Owen James Stevens and Sister Joan Stevens serve as Church-service volunteers to open and staff an office in Brussels, Belgium to interface with the European Community relating to legal developments which could impact the Church.

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Date      March 3, 2009  
To      Elder M. Russell Ballard  
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            Elder Robert C. Oaks  
            International Coordinating Group  
From      Elder Lance B. Wickman  
Subject      European Government Relations Advisory  
            Council and the European Community  
            Government Relations Office

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The Europe Area Presidency, the International Coordinating Group, the Public Affairs Department, and the Office of General Counsel recommend that direct responsibility for the European Community Government Relations Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) be assigned to the Europe Area Presidency. This responsibility will include the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee. As part of this change, Elder Frerich Görts, the current Chair of the Advisory Committee, will become a member of the Europe Area Government Relations Council. Elder Görts’ participation on the Europe Area Government Relations Council will assist the Europe Area Presidency in its coordination of government relations initiatives assigned to the Advisory Committee and enhance the effectiveness of the Advisory Committee.

The Office of General Counsel, the Public Affairs Department and the European Government Affairs Office in Brussels will, in addition to the Advisory Committee, continue to assist the Europe Area Presidency with its government relations programs and activities.

Currently, the Advisory Committee works under the direction and supervision of the Public Affairs Committee. With the consolidation of the European Areas, we believe that assigning direct responsibility for the Advisory Committee to the Europe Area Presidency will result in a more effective operation of the Advisory Committee and strengthen the Europe Area’s government relations programs.

Please advise if you are in agreement.